the public have not been able to know anything else. With a view to obtain the opinion as to how best reduction can be effected in all the departments of the State without sacrificing efficiency, it is prayed that a reformed Retrenchment Committee be constituted, consisting of not less than 9 members selected equally from the officials, competent retired officers and non-official members, and fixing a reasonable time for submission of the final report of such a Committee.

(*b*) Mr. S. Venkatesaiya, Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association.

(*b*) The results of the work of the Retrenchment Committee up-to-date may be summarised and published.

The Committee may be instructed to scrutinize all branches of the Public Service and Sub-Committee may be formed to expedite work.

SUBJECT No. 631.

The Retrenchment Committee.

Mr. K. Krishnamurthi Rao, Magadi taluk.

Summary of Representation.—The following items of expenditure are worthy of consideration by the Retrenchment Committee whose work is not known to the public at present.

(1) Amalgamation of the Survey department with the Revenue department;

(2) the abolition of the Government Book Depôt at Bangalore; and

(3) curtailment of Government Press establishment.

SUBJECT No. 632.

Appointment of an equal number of officials and non-officials in the Retrenchment Committee.

(1) Messrs. H. V. Rangaswamy, Hassan taluk, Mohamed Raza and S. Ramanna, Hassan municipality, S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga municipality and S. Venkatesaiya, Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association.

(2) Mr. K. Shankaranarayana Rao, Nagar Sabha.

Summary of Representation.—Having regard to the fact that the Retrenchment Committee, which has been sitting these five years and more, has not applied its shears of economy with advantage either to the State or the tax-payer, and that the State has to incur extra expenses to carry out the progressive policy as recommended by the Economic Conference, it is prayed that an equal number of officials and non-officials be appointed to the Committee to suggest such changes in the State expenditure as they may deem fit. There is a growing feeling in the public that some of the departments are over-manned and that it is not in the nature of some departments, *e.g.*, the Geological department, to shrink when once they assume large dimensions.

(2) It is an admitted principle that the rate-payers should have a voice in the financial administration of the State. The Retrenchment Committee consists at present of only official members. To give the public an opportunity of taking part in the deliberations of the body, it is prayed that some non-official members may be appointed as members of the Committee.